TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 88 - SB 116

March 30, 2009

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (005603): Deletes the language of the original bill. Creates a 22-member advisory committee to assist the Tennessee Corrections Institute (TCI) in a review of current state standards for local jails. The committee is to present its findings to the state and local government committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate no later than January 30, 2010. Also prohibits the TCI from decertifying a local correctional facility solely because the square footage of cells is below the TCI standard if the square footage is within the minimum standards required by the American Correctional Association's Performance-Based Standards for Adult Local Detention Facilities, amended by the 2008 Standards Supplement.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Other Fiscal Impact – Some counties may postpone construction of new jails and add beds to existing facilities instead. The net impact of additional beds in existing facilities may be a lower cost than building new facilities. Counties may choose to increase the number of state or federal inmates housed in local jails, increasing expenditures for guards, food, medical costs, and related items. These expenditures could be offset in whole or in part by an increase in revenue for housing state and federal inmates. The net local revenue and expenditure impact cannot reasonably be quantified.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$2,800 Each One-Day Meeting

Assumptions applied to amendment:

• 18 non-legislative members will receive \$154.44 in mileage per meeting, for an increase in state expenditures of \$2,779.92 per meeting (286 miles x \$0.54 per mile x 18 members).

- The other four members reside in Nashville and will not receive mileage reimbursement.
- According to the Tennessee Corrections Institute, altering the square footage requirement will not have a fiscal impact on state government.
- No fiscal impact on local government jail operation or construction.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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